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U.S.M.C. CONVOCATION '82

Close to 600 students, faculty, alumni, friends and distinguished guests crowded St. Basil's Church on December 4, 1982 to watch the graduation ceremonies of the Class of '82, Faculty of Theology. The academic procession alone was a colourful pageant of over 125 begowned and becaped academics, graduands and dignitaries. Among the latter were His Eminence G. Emmett Cardinal Carter, Chancellor of the University of St. Michael's College, His Eminence George B. Cardinal Flahiff, Dr. George Ignatieff, Chancellor of the University of Toronto, U. of T. President James Ham, St. Michael's President Fr. Peter Swan, Fr. John Kelly, Director of Alumni Affairs and Development, Fr. J. Ambrose Raftis, President of the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, Fr. Ulysse Paré, Superior General of the Basilian Order, Fr. William Irwin, Dean of the Faculty of Theology and Dr. Iain G. Nicol, Director of the Toronto School of Theology. Among the guests in the audience were former Governor General The Rt. Honourable Roland Michener, The Honourable Paul Martin and Dr. Edward J. Monahan, Executive Director of the Council of Ontario Universities.

But, despite such pomp and splendour, less than half the 67 eligible graduands attended the ceremony. As well, this year's graduating class is down from last year's number of 90 graduates; however, Fr. Atilla Miklósházy, Acting Dean of the Faculty of Theology at St. Michael's says these numbers are not unusual or alarming. He blamed the poor attendance on the rather fortunate fact that many of the graduands

"are away in other jobs". Father Miklósházy also explained that the postponement of the ceremony from November 27th to December 4th, because of a booking problem meant that many American graduands could not attend. "Usually the ceremony coincides with American Thanksgiving".

"The overall drop in graduates from 90 last year to 67 this year

does not reflect any drop in the interest in the study of Theology," said Fr. Miklósházy. "Last year was an unusually large class. We are holding enrolment at pretty well the same level every year".

St. Michael's President Fr. Peter Swan, said he hoped that the smaller class meant that each student could absorb a more concentrated helping of the wisdom



L. (F. to B.) Fr. John Kelly, Fr. Peter Swan, Very Fr. Ulysee Paré.

R. (F. to B.) Dr. James Ham, Dr. Iain Nicol, Dr. William Dunphy, and others.

HOMECOMING '82

The 1982 Homecoming at St. Michael's, held on September 24, 25, 26, was the most successful that the College has ever had. In spite of the inclement weather, and the fact that the Homecoming football game was not against a traditional rival, nevertheless, the number of St. Mike's grads who returned for Homecoming was the largest in the history of the College.

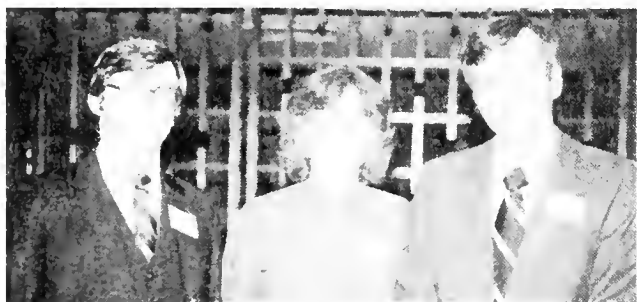
Friday night's reception turned out over 200 grads from all years and 235 sat down to the Featured Years' dinner on Saturday evening. The Featured Years in '82 were the classes of 1981, 1977, 1972, 1967, and 1962. On Sunday large numbers of alumni and their progeny (future students for S.M.C.) joined the students for Mass in the Student Chapel and the liturgy was followed by a lively coffee party in Brennan Lounge.

After dinner on Saturday night a gift from an anonymous donor was presented to Fr. Kelly in commemoration of his 50th year as a graduate. As the package resembled a carton of cigarettes he jovially thanked the donor for contributing to his "nicotine addiction". However he returned to the microphone minutes later to inform us that the "cigarettes" had turned out to be a beautiful silver watch. Even now, though he has his suspicions, he is not certain whom to thank for such a lovely gift.

As usual the Alumni supported the S.M.C. student float entry in the Homecoming Parade. We didn't win any prizes but Fr. Kelly was heard to comment "Although the float did not receive any awards it was presented with great pride and spirit" — translation! — the undergrads had a ball doing it!

The humiliating happening of Homecoming was the defeat of the alumni by the undergrads in the Boozier Brown football game. For only the second time in Homecoming history the grads (whose star performers had prior commitments that day!) were crushed 42-14 by the overwhelming strength of the student team. But fear not — we'll be back in '83!

The committee responsible for arranging the various events for the weekend was chaired by Carol Hodson '69, and included Anne and John McGrath, '62, Pat Hayward and Joe James, '67, Connie Roveto and Anne Wiley, '72, Cathy MacDonald, '77, and Molly Smith, '81. All of these are credited with organizing a party that made Homecoming '82 the outstanding success that it was! Watch for Homecoming '83! C.H.



CLASS OF '72

L. to R.: Bill Innis, Anne (Burns) Wiley, Michael Wiley.



CLASS OF '77

Joanne (Thompson) Borris and Ken Borris.



CLASS OF '62

L. to R.: Ned Bellamy, Beth McDonald, Bruce McDonald, Anne (Morse) McGrath, Joe McGreevy, Judy McGreevy, Peter Peart, Mike Dugan, Marjorie Peart, John McGrath.



CLASS OF '67

L. to R.: Judy Dore, Barbara Makuch, Larry Dore, Dick Aguglia, Stan Makuch Paul Walsh.

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dispensed by the College's faculty.

"Theology is a special discipline at St. Michael's", said Fr. John Kelly, recipient of the honorary degree, Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa*, and keynote speaker of the occasion. "It is a guiding and

energizing discipline as well, involving the meaning of this institution and very close to her life blood." Fr. Kelly called the study of Theology "faith seeking understanding", and told the graduands to follow the spirit of Thomas Aquinas in humility, self-

if-criticism and a willingness to learn from others.

Following Convocation, a reception was held in Brennan Hall for those attending Convocation. By popular request, Fr. Kelly's Convocation Address is reproduced in the centrefold. David Seljak.

VARSITY FUND 1983—NEED FOR NEW DONORS

St. Michael's has decided to keep the 1983 Varsity Fund the same as it was in 1982 — \$275,000: \$110,000 for the Library; \$55,000 to run Alumni Affairs; \$30,000 for Academic Initiatives; \$80,000 for the new Alumni Hall. This is an indication that 1982 was a difficult year. Our objective was a little ambitious for the difficult times we are experiencing. It is, however, not defeatist. We have scarcely met our goal and we would like the 1983 objective to be one which we can meet. This is a variation of zero based budgeting: Statement of minimal need demanding very cautious use of funds. We'll have to stretch the dollars further. There is no ivory tower aspect to Varsity Fund at St. Michael's; we do live in the real world where things are tough.

The whole picture does one thing. It shows how a private university college such as St. Michael's has to rely on her Alumni. Public funds are

very inadequate and cover only part of our expenses. The 'living' endowment of partially paid religious and clerical staff is gradually diminishing and this hurts more each year. Short of major windfalls, which are not happening, St. Michael's is very dependent on Alumni.

St. Michael's has built up a strong core of Alumni. It is still true, however, that they make up less than twenty per cent of the total body. Many are extremely generous. Our principal objective is to increase the number of donors, while not losing those we have. If you have not been a supporter in the past, this is a strong invitation to you to join your fellow graduates in keeping the College a strong College, a place to be proud of.

You, no doubt, are not unaware of how much has been said in the public media of the plight of universities and colleges. They are

an integral part of our society — perhaps even an essential part. Trying to keep them functioning well is a serious and important work. That is what the Varsity Fund tries to do. In the case of St. Michael's it is, perhaps, most urgent. St. Michael's is, if you will, most dependent. That is why all Alumni are encouraged to become regular supporters of our Varsity Fund efforts. Your help is necessary for the College's health.

Libraries are essential to education; so, are new ventures in our Academic Initiatives; buildings also such as Alumni Hall. The whole of the Office of Alumni Affairs which tries to serve Alumni is also to help the College through Alumni. For none of these is there adequate funding from other private sources. That is why we strongly appeal to our Alumni to support St. Michael's through the Varsity Fund.

John Kelly

FIFTY YEARS OF PRIESTLY SERVICE

Revs. Reginald O'Donnell, CSB, '31, and Robert Scollard, CSB, '28, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their priestly ordination at a Mass in St. Basil's Church on Sunday, 19 December 1982. Most Reverend George B. Cardinal Flahiff, CSB, '26, was Principal Celebrant and sixty priests joined the jubilarians as concelebrants. The homily was given by Father O'Donnell after which Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto Robert Clune, '41, received the renewal of commitment to priestly service of Fathers O'Donnell and Scollard. The chalice used at the Mass was presented to Rev. Michael Ferguson, CSB, the first Canadian ordained a Basilian priest, 23 October 1861.

The Toastmaster at the dinner was Rev. James McConica, CSB, STB '68. Very Reverend Ulysse Paré, Superior General of the Basilian Fathers, extended congratulations from the Basilian Community and Bishop Clune from the Archdiocese of Toronto. Father Scollard thanked all who had helped to make the day truly joyful, especially Fathers Harold Gardner, CSB, '54, and Donald Fihlay, CSB,



Rev. Reginald O'Donnell, CSB, '31

STB, '65. Father McConica then presented the jubilarians with an apostolic blessing from Pope John Paul II, and greetings from the Governor General of Canada, the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, and the Mayor of Toronto.

Two Hundred Years of Basilian Ordinations, 1782-1982 is an anniversary booklet published by Fathers Scollard and O'Donnell. The



Rev. Robert Scollard, CSB, '28

foreword is by Rev. L. J. Bondy, CSB, '17 and Superior of St. Michael's College, 1946-1952, and the centre spread is a photograph of the Basilian ordination class of 1932: Rev. Edward Hartmann and Rober Scollard, '28, Floyd Crowley and Matthew Killoran, '29, John Peter Ruth, '30, and Reginald O'Donnell, '31. The Alumni Office has a number of copies for those who request one.

R.S.

EUGENE LEONARD BOYLE, O.P.

You will not find the unexpected unless you expect it; for it is hard to find, and difficult.

— Heraclitus

Leonard Boyle is not just a medieval historian; he is not, strictly speaking, a medieval philosopher, nor a medieval theologian. He prefers to think of himself as a mixture of all three, with a bit of the archaeologist thrown in on the side, somewhat of a "magpie" to use his own words. Fr. Boyle's specialty is the scientific reading of ancient texts (palaeography) but there is nothing ancient about this spirited Irish Dominican whose sportive manner and keen eye cast him as a scholarly rogue.

Professor of Latin Palaeography at the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies, Fr. Boyle first came to St. Michael's as a visiting professor in 1961 from the church of San Clemente in Rome. The atmosphere of academic co-operation and scholarly enthusiasm at PIMS impressed him at once. "In Rome I found the teaching unsatisfying; I found that people were not really interested in my sort of research work and most of my students were only taking courses because they had to. But the moment I came here in '61 and found a group of scholars all in various ways working within my own interest and students who really were determined to make something of what they were doing, it was an eye-opener."

In the world of medieval history Fr. Boyle is distinguished not only for his palaeographic expertise but also for the extensive archaeological work he has undertaken at the church of San Clemente. Excavations under his direction uncovered a Sanctuary of Myhrus under the church which is believed to date back to the third century. A sharp eye for the unexpected, coupled with a comprehensive knowledge of the Vatican archives (he has published a survey of the medieval holdings if



Eugene Leonard Boyle, O.P.

the archives) and several lucky breaks also led Fr. Boyle to discover the relics of St. Cyril, who was one of the saints responsible for the conversion of the Slavs more than 1100 years ago. It was common knowledge that St. Cyril had been buried at San Clemente, although excavations there in the late 1850's failed to uncover the casket. Fr. Boyle's researches showed that the body had actually been removed from the church in 1798. Further investigation finally traced the remains of the body to a chapel owned by a well-known Italian family. In 1963, the 11th centenary of the conversion of the Slavs, the relics were returned to San Clemente.

The documentary side of medieval history rather than its speculative aspect has always been Fr. Boyle's strong point. "My initial interest was in the education of the clergy in the Middle Ages and the dissemination of theology in a popular fashion, through little handbooks and manuals — not the classy stuff of the schoolroom but

the good paperbacks — but I was sidetracked into palaeography because I liked it and found that the reading of manuscripts came naturally to me."

Some of Fr. Boyle's researches on the education of the clergy were incorporated into a lecture he gave for the Etienne Gilson Series in March, 1982. The lecture was a brilliant elucidation on the setting of St. Thomas Aquinas's *Summa Theologiae*. Fr. Boyle explained that Thomas was dissatisfied with the Dominicum curriculum because of its sole concentration on practical theology, and he wrote the *Summa* in order to put practical theology in a full, "systematic" theological context for the young Dominicans he was teaching at Santa Sabina.

The same kind of zeal that drove St. Thomas to write the *Summa* is evident in Fr. Boyle's own approach to education. "I think that once we accept students here we have an obligation to them, and if anything goes wrong and they don't come up trumps, it's our fault. This is not so much a defense of students as an encouragement . . . I especially support those students who may not be brilliant but who have the will to do graduate work and are serious about it."

On the other hand, St. Michael's students have learned to appreciate Fr. Boyle's unique genius as a medievalist, as well as his skills in other areas. In 1978, he was asked to coach the St. Michael's men's soccer team but graciously declined the offer. "If it had been ten years earlier, maybe. But when you're 55, old, and creaking you might kill yourself just watching! . . . Nevertheless, it was one of the most pleasant and gratifying moments of my life . . . imagine, a chap in Medieval Studies to be asked, of all things, to coach soccer. I was totally pleased."

Without a doubt, the St. Michael's community is also "totally pleased" to count a professor of such high calibre as Fr. Boyle among its members.

Peter Petrasek

MONAHAN REPORT GETS RESPONSES

by Brian O'Riordan

The Report of the Special Commission to study the Role, Functions and Membership of the University of St. Michael's College or as it is more commonly known, the "Monahan Report", was published in the Fall, 1982 issue of this newsletter. The Special Commission was appointed by the Collegium, USMC's highest governing body, at the request of the Alumni and the student body. It was chaired by Dr. Edward Monahan an SMC alumnus and now executive director of the Council of Ontario Universities (COU).

The highest governing body of St. Michael's, unlike every other college and faculty, at the University of Toronto, does not provide for specific voting representation from faculty, students or alumni. It meets in closed session and is dominated by representatives of the Basilian Order. The Collegium was established in 1958 by virtue of the provincial legislature's *USMC Act*, and it governs the financial affairs of the undergraduate college, the Faculty of Theology and the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies (PIMS). It also has many other wide-ranging powers, including the right to appoint staff and hold property.

The "Monahan Report" decided that the Collegium's role, functions and composition required considerable updating and streamlining in order to make it a more effective and credible governing body, especially in light of the regrettable diminishing role of the Basilian Fathers in the life of the College and the ever-increasing financial pressures on the College. The proposed reforms would require changes being made in the *USMC Act*, 1958, which would require legislative approval.

As you will remember, the Monahan Commission, among other things, therefore, recommended, to the Collegium that:

1. Meetings of the Collegium be open.
2. The Collegium be composed of the President, the Principal, the Dean of Theology, the Praeses of PIMS, 3 professors, 2 students, 1 support staff, 4

Basilian appointees, 2 members appointed by St. Joseph and Loretto Sisters, respectively, 4 Alumni, and 2 appointees of the Metro Toronto Archdiocese.

3. The Collegium, rather than the Superior-General of the Basilian Order, appoint the President of USMC.
4. The Collegium's Committee structure be revised.
5. The role of the academic Senate and the arrangements for property holding be reviewed.

The Collegium formally called for responses to the Monahan Report in order to assist in its review of the Report's recommendations. So far, the Alumni Association, the Council of the undergraduate college, the students and the Senate have formally responded. The following is a brief summary of the contents of these responses:

The Alumni Association

The Alumni Board, chaired by Douglas Allen '45, approved the Association's formal response to the Monahan Report at a meeting on December 2, 1982. The many comments, formal and otherwise, made by alumni since the publication of the Report were very helpful to the Board in drawing up its 12-page response. The response emphasizes the Board's endorsement of the general thrust of the Monahan recommendations, noting in particular, however, the great desirability of fostering a strong religious presence within the governance and general affairs of the College.

The Alumni recommend some slight but important increases in the proposed numbers of faculty, student, staff and "external" members in order to make the governing body more representative and effective. The Alumni favour a 30-member as opposed to a 22-member Collegium. (The present Collegium is made up of 10 members.) It was felt that, given the now very substantial contribution of Alumni donations and taxpayer dollars, St. Michael's has to

become a more accountable institution and has to involve in a much more direct fashion the Archdiocese and Metropolitan Catholic population at large. If they do not perceive that they have a stake in the future of the College, financially and otherwise, then the College will not be able to cater to the growing enrolment pressures (over 3,000 students now as opposed to 800 some 15 years ago) nor meet the salary demands of the lay faculty and the additional operating costs involved in revitalizing 121 St. Joseph Street.

The Alumni response calls for the establishment of a broadly representative advisory committee to the Collegium which would aid it in its deliberations concerning the Monahan Report. The Report also strongly questions the effectiveness of the Senate as the top academic governing body in the College.

The Alumni conclude by stating:

We should not undertake change for the sake of change, but neither should we become complacent about preserving our traditions and ethos. The reforms recommended in the Monahan Report are most welcome, in that they are, for the most part, pragmatic, well-reasoned and informed. As well, they are entirely necessary. The changes recommended are far from being precipitous or ideologically-motivated. If anything they are long overdue and are entirely in keeping with the traditions and ethos of USMC. They will help to preserve the Catholic character and academic excellence of the institution.

The Students

The St. Michael's College Students' Union (SMCSU) also generally endorses the Monahan Report proposals, but argues that there be greater undergraduate student representation on the Collegium and its committees.

The College Council

The undergraduate College Council which is made up of faculty, students, alumni and support staff

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JOHN MICHAEL KELLY C.S.B.

CITATION By Reverend P. J. M. Swan, C.S.B., President, USMC.

Eminent Chancellor: I present to you John Michael Kelly, Basilian priest, administrator, educator and second President of the University of St. Michael's College to receive the degree of Doctor of Divinity, (*honoris causa*). In September of 1927, a 16 year old from Scranton, Pennsylvania enrolled here as a Freshman in Arts. Save for a few years spent in preparing himself for his role as a Basilian teacher, he has been here ever since as an undergraduate and then as a graduate student, as a professor, as President and, finally, as Director of Alumni Affairs and Development. Not only has he passed a half-century in our midst, he has contributed significantly to our development. He presided over St. Michael's from 1958 to 1978, during a period of unprecedented growth in Canadian universities. Our enrolment almost trebled from 862 to 2,470. It was also a period of turmoil. We were not, perhaps, as seriously affected as others. Yet, Father's cool head and firm hand were valuable assets during that stormy period. Throughout his presidency, he never lost sight of our academic traditions and goals first expressed by Bishop de Charbonnel when he stated that the purpose of the new College was to prepare students for the priesthood and the liberal professions; consequently, he fostered the work of our Faculty of Theology. He played an active and prominent role in the Toronto School of Theology, of which we are a founding member. He was for years a member of T.S.T.'s Board of Directors and Chairman of its Finance Committee. It was indeed appropriate that the Alumni, on the occasion of his retirement from the Presidency, endowed a Lectureship in Theology in his honour.

Father Kelly also took a keen interest in the work of the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies. Among other things, he gave the Institute's outstanding collection of books and manuscripts a worthy



home in the Library whose erection was one of the great accomplishments of his presidency and which today bears his name. This Library also contains our Arts and Theology collections, previously housed in separate and inadequate facilities: moreover, from 1958 to 1976, Father Kelly was Principal of St. Michael's College. In that capacity, he furthered the interests of our Arts Faculty with vigour and foresight. He relinquished the Principalship only reluctantly on the insistence of the Collegium which considered his work load intolerable. Yet, subsequently, he was able to leave the College and indeed the entire Faculty of Arts and Science of the University of Toronto an important legacy. He chaired a Committee which revised our permissive curriculum. This Committee produced the Kelly Report whose kindly light is even now leading undergraduates out of the encircling gloom of incoherence and aimlessness. This is but one example of his many contributions to the life and work of the University of Toronto. He served on many of its important bodies including the Council of the Faculty of Arts and Science, The Senate and the Governing Council. These services were recognised by the University of Toronto which awarded him an

honorary LL.D. degree during its sesquicentennial celebrations.

President Kelly worked tirelessly to obtain those resources we need in order to serve our large and growing constituency. Through his efforts over many decades, we have finally acquired the building at 121 St. Joseph Street, together with three adjacent houses facing Queen's Park. We are now renovating 121 with funds raised through the Update Campaign in which our Alumni generously participated. We are also in the happy position of being able to offer space in the Queen's Park properties to the Toronto School of Theology, St. Augustine's Seminary, the Ontario Multicultural History Society and the Centre for Medieval Studies.

Finally, Father Kelly has always been committed to pastoral care in both the civic and university communities. He was particularly concerned with persons involved in crime or drugs. He has served for many years on the Minister of Correctional Services Advisory Committee on the treatment of offenders. All who have come in contact with him will testify to his concern for all those who sought his aid and counsel, to his outspokenness, his honesty and integrity, his wisdom and resourcefulness.

In recognition of these qualities, and in gratitude for his life-long devotion to the cause of Christian higher education, and especially for his services to Theology, I request you, Eminent Chancellor, on behalf of the Senate, to confer upon John Michael Kelly the degree of Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa*.

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N.B.: In view of the number of requests for copies of Father Kelly's Convocation address, we have requested his permission to print it in full.

R. Douglas Allen,
President, Alumni Board.

FATHER JOHN KELLY ADDRESS

December 4, 1982.

EMINENT CHANCELLOR, MR. CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, REVEREND PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR, MR. PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, MEMBERS OF THE GRADUATING CLASS, FRIENDS OF ST. MICHAEL'S:

Little did I suspect, fifty years ago when I received my first degree through St. Michael's in the University of Toronto that I would be honored in this way by my *Alma Mater*. Quite aside from the improbability of the subject, there existed no apparatus to make the improbability possible. Today is not fifty years ago and St. Michael's has developed almost unimaginably. I am exceptionally honored to be associated with you — the graduating class in Theology — and to be your classmate.

Eminent Chancellor, there seems to be an opinion, perhaps well founded, that brevity in the address to Convocation vies with excellence, for acceptability. If I were a total believer on the side of brevity, I would simply thank the President for his citation, congratulate those who have earned their degrees, and retire from the podium. While I must express sympathy with those in favor of brevity, I am going to risk the consequences of remaining here a little longer, in the attempt to say a few things for which the occasion seems to call.

In the first place, I should like to express a sense of loneliness. The Honorary Degrees Committee intended that Dr. Charles Knowlton share this platform with me today. Being human, the Honorary Degrees Committee only proposes and, God called Dr. Knowlton before St. Michael's could confer on him a well-deserved distinction. For over fifty years, Dr. Knowlton had a close and very warm relationship with St. Michael's.

It is not an exaggeration to say that he was a legendary figure here, looking after the medical well-being of both staff and students. His Doctor of Sacred Letters degree would not have been testimony to his writings on sacred subjects but it would have been testimony that he was an outstanding example of actions speaking louder than words. In professional life, he gave constant witness to his faith and charity. He was truly one of God's noblemen and I miss his presence here today. I would have loved dearly, to have had him as a fellow graduate.

The second observation I should like to make, Eminent Chancellor, is one about the importance of institutions for the human person, for their formative

influence and for the imprint they stamp on the human personality. There are many institutions in our human society but the one I would single out for comment, both objective and personal, is the university community and the university community of St. Michael's in particular.

A university community is, or at least should be, an association of people bound together in the pursuit of an objective, the cultivation of truth to bring its influence onto the common weal of the human family. This association gives a person both intellectual, cultural and moral roots, without which we are mere changelings buffeted about by whimsey, narrowness of spirit and loss of discipline and goodness. This particular university community is a very special one — innovative and challenging but one which is changing and in search of ways of being renewed to serve the larger community which she represents and symbolizes. I have watched it change and struggle for over a half century and

I state that her spirit is undaunted while she tries to provide new ways to fulfill her life-long mission.

This association is both complex and multifaceted. I dare to say that it is student-centred for, without students a considerable part of the ongoing challenge would become dry and even ossified. It is an association of colleagues who, in spite of differing disciplinary interests and objectives, still share a common goal: truth and its influence. It is an association which includes Alumni as vital parts and who, in a real way, are her justification before the eyes of mankind. It is an association of friends who approve and support her continuation and provide her with both insight and sustenance.

After fifty years of being here, I can state that there is no other place in this world that I would rather have been. I owe a major debt to St. Michael's and to all her varied and varying parts. I have an institutional heritage which I cherish. In the words of the Psalmist, "Welcome indeed the heritage that falls to me". I



*His Eminence G. Emmett
Cardinal Carter.*

*Rev. John M. Kelly
C.S.B.*

*Rev. R. B.
Donovan, C.S.B.*

hope that our society holds her university institutions in high esteem. We would be much poorer but for them.

The third and final observation I should like to make, Eminent Chancellor, is about theology itself and its place and importance in the life and welfare of St. Michael's. It is not just one of many disciplines, although it is that. It is a guiding and energizing discipline as well, involving the meaning of this institution and very close to her life blood. My opinion can, perhaps, be best expressed by making a paraphrase of St. Thomas Aquinas' lecture given on the occasion when he began as a Master in Theology at the University of Paris. He chose to comment on verse 13 of Psalm 103 which, in the Latin, he was using read: *Rigans montes de superioribus suis: de fructu operum tuorum satiabitur terra.* "Watering the mountains from on high; the earth is filled with the fruit of thy work". I say this is a paraphrase since, in St. Thomas' lecture, the purport was a commendation of Sacred Scripture for the intellectual life.

I cannot help observing that Theology today is more complex and more difficult than it was seven centuries ago and, not least of all because the intellectual mountains which need watering today are more numerous than the mediaeval mind recognized, or even suspected; the grounds from which they rise more varied and the soil of more complex texture. However great the difference, I believe that St. Thomas would still agree that they still need watering from a high, and that revelation which gives rise to the *fides quaerens intellectum* is just as appropriate for the mountains we can discern, as those which he did.

St. Thomas is careful to point out that it is not only water from the clouds that water the earth and the hills, but that divine wisdom waters the minds of the learned which are signified by the mountains and it from the ministry of such minds that the light of divine wisdom reaches the minds of those who hear them. Therein is a theological responsibility which aptly describes the function of an institution such as St. Michael's.

To this audience I need not comment on the sublimity of spiritual doctrine, of the depths and profundity of the revealing God, of the mystery of the Word Himself, or of the Spirit, nor of the eternal life we are all called to, which is one of the reasons given by St. Thomas for the need and the desirability of all the learned to be watered and freshened by divine wisdom. We should recall, nowever, that St. Thomas required a certain dignity of the theologian because of the lofty truth he or she is engaged in seeking, because of the light you should radiate from



Recent young Alumni marked the occasion and honoured Father Kelly with the presentation of the above plaque.

contact with eternal wisdom, because you should be a bulwark against the enemies of truth and because your lives should shine as an example of conviction.

St. Thomas never intended that the theologian's light be hidden or his thoughts unarticulated and, consequently, he speaks of the condition of those who hear or will hear you as in the Psalmist's terms of the earth being satisfied or fructified with the intellectual work that God has wrought through faith seeking understanding. No one needs to tell you that humility is necessary for a theologian to learn from God and St. Thomas insists on this but he also insists on the fecundity of the soil or the minds of the theologians, and how much fruit can be gleaned personally and for others, by those who give themselves to theology.

St. Thomas finally has something to say about divine wisdom as grasped by humans and the manner of its communication. No theologian, indeed no one save God, Himself, knows or can know all that is contained in divine wisdom. God waters the mountains but from an inexhaustible spring. Wisdom, as found in human beings, is always perfectible; that is why no one can speak the last word, ever. There is always a vast work to do. Theologians will always have mountains to climb, and to have watered.

Like St. Paul, you may even have secret words which it is not given to man to speak. But, like St. Paul also, there is a burden on you to speak, as he did, the words that lead to life.

St. Michael's is a repository of that

divine wisdom; it needs cultivation; it needs cherishing; it needs the life-giving waters which can only come from God, and which are necessary for the good of us all. The Psalmist and St. Thomas describe what God does for those who open their minds and hearts to His influence.

Perhaps this may appear to some to be a somewhat narrow view of theology. It does show a concern for profession and practice in the household of the Christian faith. No one can fail to see that theology has problems today beyond those encountered in previous ages. It has been said that we live in an age "where modern man finds God's tracks less often than he finds his own". It is a challenge to theological nerve. But, it is still true that theology has arisen within the Christian faith and from the conviction that God is not a fiction but the transcendent Author of our being. Theology must be pursued with the highest possible measure of self-criticism and willingness to learn from others. After all, theology is about God. No one 'owns' God and God can reveal Himself in many ways and through many people. It is human and theologians can also learn from other human beings, even the agnostic.

If I may, I will close with a prayer that St. Michael's will continue to be confident of theology; that the theologians be always mindful of the revealing God and His will, and, finally, that we accept the responsibility of what faith, seeking understanding, tells to the human family; that the faith we profess be for all, the water that springs to eternal life.

CELTIC STUDIES AT S.M.C.

One of the recent lively features of College life has been the appearance on campus of a series of Visiting Professors in connection with the newly-instituted Programme in Celtic Studies. During the autumn term, Daibhi Ó Cronín from the University College, Galway, offered a course in "Early Irish History", and while on campus, he delivered an extremely original lecture on "Insular Manuscripts in the Seventh Century". The staff and students at the Pontifical Institute received the lecture with great interest and enthusiasm. In his lecture, Professor Ó Cronín took a fresh look at seventh-century historical sources and went on to suggest that many illuminated manuscripts now thought to have been produced in Northumbria may actually have been produced in Ireland. It was agreed that Professor Ó Cronín's

researches, which are in the process of being corroborated by archaeological excavation, have "enormous significance" for early history and palaeography, whether it be Irish or Anglo-Saxon.

The plan of Visiting Professors from Ireland, which forms the foundation of the new Programme in Celtic Studies (attracting 200 students in each of its two years of operation), represents an ingenious innovation at the College and the University. Under the plan, an authority in a particular field — archaeology, art, history, literature, anthropology, music — comes to the College on a rotating basis to offer a full course during a term. Over a period of three years, the full range of areas integral to the Programme is covered and, under the guidance of some of the most distinguished authorities, students are given a complete overview of

the Celtic civilization in all its aspects. This is something which no other university in Europe or North America provides — not even in the Celtic countries themselves.

This term, Professors Breańdan Ó Madagóin and Geararoid Denvir are offering a course in "Celtic Folklore and Music", and this course, which examines culture not merely in terms of 'high culture' but also in terms of the vernacular expressiveness of the common people (a type of research in which the Pontifical Institute is very much engaged) is a new and important contribution to the academic life of our undergraduates. As well as this, the course buttresses the offerings of the Anthropology Department. To boot: Professor Denvir now has a coffee hour in the Coöp at which only Irish is to be spoken.

Bob O'Driscoll.

ST. PETER AND ST. ANDREW LECTURES:

CATHOLIC-ORTHODOX DIALOGUE AT ST. MICHAEL'S

In 1982, the St. Peter and St. Andrew Lectures were begun at St. Michael's to provide occasions for a much neglected dialogue — practical as well as theological — between Catholic and Orthodox Christians in Toronto. A Catholic theologian speaks in February around the time of the feast of the Chair of St. Peter (Feb. 22), and an Orthodox theologian in November, on or around the feast of St. Andrew (Nov. 30), Patron Saint of the Church of Constantinople.

This year's Orthodox lecturer, Dr. Danial Sahas, came to us from the Department of Religious Studies of the University of Waterloo and had

studied at theological centres in both Greece and the United States before settling in Canada in 1969. Dr. Sahas spoke on "The experience of God in Orthodox tradition" and his lecture ranged over the many expressions of this experience in liturgy and sacrament, Church life and personal spirituality, but returned always to the Trinitarian reality of a God who has drawn close to His world, facing man *directly* in Christ and answering our fundamental human yearning for salvation.

The lecture was received with enthusiasm and appreciation and the questions put to Dr. Sahas

overflowed the question-period and continued through the reception that followed in the Lounge.

The next Lecture in the series will be given at 8 p.m. in Brennan Hall Auditorium on Tuesday February 22, 1983, the feast of the Chair of St. Peter. The speaker will be Fr. Robert Barringer CSB of the St. Michael's faculty who will discuss the first document produced by the newly created International Catholic-Orthodox Theological Commission: "The Mystery of the Church and of the Eucharist in the Light of the Mystery of the Holy Trinity".

Fr. Bob Barringer

THE JOHN KELLY THEOLOGICAL LECTURE 1983

Professor Francis S. Fiorenza will give the fourth John Kelly Theological Lecture on Monday, February 28th, at 8 p.m. in Brennan Auditorium, St. Michael's College.

Dr. Fiorenza is theology professor at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. He

received his Ph.D. in theology from the University of Münster, West Germany. A pupil of both Karl Rahner and Johann Metz, Professor Fiorenza has written extensively in Systematic and Fundamental Theology.

The topic of Professor Fiorenza's

lecture will be *The Church Today: Religious Identity and Social Responsibility*.

This lecture is public but we especially invite the Alumni and their friends.

Don Schmidt

Mulock Cup Champs Again

St. Mike's has achieved another first by winning the Mulock Cup championship game for a second consecutive season. The Double Blue have won the interfaculty football trophy seven times since the history of the Mulock in 1894.

According to Prof. J. F. McCurdy, "The Mulock Cup series brings out a magnificent set of young athletes — the most inspiring sight that our new grounds have yet presented," as quoted in a "Review of Athletics" in *The Varsity* Dec. 15, 1899. To this day the challenge of the Mulock game brings the best players together in interfaculty football.

This year, St. Mike's could boast of a multi-talented collection of players who executed their plays with skill. The final test of their abilities was challenged in the playoff game against the Scar-

borough Maroons. Maintaining tremendous control of the ball by the offence, and backed up solidly by a spirited defence, SMC annihilated Scarborough 31-10.

The spirit of the team did not rest with the players alone. Many alumni, college staff and enthusiastic students cheered the team to its well-deserved victory. Capping the thrill was the knowledge that SMC had broken precedent by achieving its second consecutive win.

On a sad note, many of the leading players will be graduating this spring and have reservations about leaving the championship team behind. However, as alumni are undoubtedly aware, competitive football for St. Mike's students does not stop at the interfaculty level. The Boozar Brown game which pits the

undergrads against the alumni is an eagerly anticipated and highly competitive match held every Homecoming. Of special concern to the alumni is that next fall's Alumni Boozar Brown forces will be greatly strengthened as many 5-star quality players on SMC's championship team are to graduate. If previous alumni thought *they* were "wiley oldsters" wait until the notoriously devious minds of these new grads join their forces.

If any message is to be stressed to the alumni by the undergrads of St. Mike's, it is that we are proud to have achieved another first for our college. For eighty-eight years the Mulock Cup trophy has brought out a magnificent set of young athletes, SMC being among them.

Jo-Ann Hartford

MONAHAN REPORT

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also supported the Monahan Report recommendations, except that it felt that the Collegium should be enlarged to "around 27 members" and that the Superior-General of the Basilian Order should have the power to accept or reject the Collegium's nominee for President of USMC.

The Senate

The Senate, which is the highest academic decision-making body at USMC, whose exercise of power,

however, has been severely constrained since the signing in 1974 of the *Memorandum of Understanding* between the colleges and the University of Toronto, agreed with the Monahan Commission's stance that the Collegium should become a more visible, accessible and open body by publishing its agendas and holding open meetings. The Senate, however, which is mainly composed of academics, voted by a two-thirds margin in favour of a resolution proposed by the Superior-General, that the Collegium "not seek an amendment to the 1958 University of St. Michael's College Act at this time."

Many faculty expressed the fear that lay external members, such as alumni, would not adequately appreciate the Catholic traditions of the College or the concept of "academic freedom."

The Collegium has now begun its deliberations on the Monahan Report and the responses thereto. As these deliberations are so crucial to the future of St. Michael's as a Catholic academic institution, the 'Newsletter' will continue to provide additional updates of the ongoing debate about the Report.

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Thanks go to Mr. A. Douglas Armour, Chairman, and Mr. Thomas Bradbury, '39, President, of Brawley Cathers Limited, Toronto, for their gift to the College of an original sculpture by David Eealuk of an Eskimo family on a sled being pulled by four dogs. Mr. Armour and Mr. Bradbury also contributed a portrait of the artist painted at his work on the sculpture. Both may be seen in the Rare Books Room of the Kelly Library, S.M.C.

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BRAVO

Dr. Robert (Bob) J. Birgeneau, '63, who has been named the second Cecil and Ida Green Professor of Physics, in the Department of Physics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Gordon F. J. Osbaldeston, '52, on his new post as Secretary to the Privy Council, succeeding Michael Pitfield.

Paul J. Phoenix, '49, who has been named Executive Vice President of Dofasco Inc. of Hamilton, Ontario.

Jack Scanlon, '64, on his election to the Vice-Presidency, Processors, of Western Electric's Network Software Centre in Lisle, Ill., U.S.A.

Sister Geraldine Thompson, C.S.J., '28, on her distinguished lecture "The Range of Irony in Three Visions of Judgment: ERASMUS, DONNE, and LUCIAN" Given on October 27, 1982, at the Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, D.C.

Lois Valley-Fischer, '53, who has been appointed Dean of Arts at Acadia University (for a six-year term).

(Information for the BRAVO column for the August 1983 issue is welcomed.)

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS — SPRING REUNION 1983

June 3, 4 and 5
(Friday, Saturday, Sunday)
1913, 1923, 1933, 1943, 1958

June 3, Friday	8:00 p.m. to Midnight	Reception — Lounge, Brennan Hall
June 4, Saturday	10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Registration, Hart House — U. of T.
	10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Bus Tours of Campus — Carillon Recital, etc.
	12:00 — (two	***Lunch for Years 1913, 1923, 1933, 1943
	1:30 — (sittings	***Lunch for 1958, Engineering and Pharmacy
	2:45 p.m.	Buses to President Ham's for Garden Party (Please use bus) from Hart House
	3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	President Ham's Garden Party
	3:35 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.	Buses back to Hart House
	6:30 p.m.	Preprandials for St. Mike's Honoured Year Grads. Lounge — Brennan Hall
	7:30 p.m. to Midnight	DINNER — Canada Room, Brennan Hall <i>Reservations required — Honoured Year Grads and spouses only.</i> After Dinner, Lounge Brennan Hall
June 5, Sunday	10:30 a.m.	REUNION MASS — College Chapel
	12:00 noon	Brunch — Canada Room, Brennan Hall (Reservations required)

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1958 — Mrs. Mary Pat (McNamara) Kielty — 231-6262 — Chairperson

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Guild, Mrs. Caroline (Anglin) '59
Huntley, Miss Anne E., '48
Hyde, Francis A., '31
Kelly, Mrs. Lydia M. (Nemeth) '56
Lynett, Rev. A. M. Richard, '31
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ELDERHOSTEL COURSES FOR SENIORS

One week of Elderhostel will begin July 4, 1983 with courses by St. Michael's faculty on Italian culture, medical ethics, and Celtic civilization. Spaces for Alumni will be held until April 1. For further information, contact: Dr. S. Shiffman, School of Continuing Studies, 158 St. George S., Toronto, Ont. M5S 2V8 (416) 978-7051.

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